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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Product Review Division
SUBJECT : November S&T Product Review

1. From an S&T perspective, my November findings nearly duplicate those observed in October. By adding the NID to the survey, the November S&T articles totaled 34. Fourteen were NID articles. In October nearly 20 DIN and NIB scientific articles were published, the November numbers were the same (11 DIN articles and 9 NIB articles). Articles treating a given subject, more often than not, appeared in at least two publications, and frequently a given article was treated in all three. No enhanced analytical insight or highly classified information -- to change the perspective of the article -- seemed to be added as an article, for example, first appeared in the DIN, then in the NIB, and then in the NID! An exception is photographic information still classified TK -- the NIB excludes information caveated RUFF.

2. As might be expected, two thirds of the articles were on the USSR and China since the technical analytical community is concentrated on these two countries. The KIQ relationship to current intelligence of the S&T articles reviewed appears as happenstance. Only two articles (same subject) had a significant KIQ relationship. Twenty-three had a peripheral KIQ relationship (not surprising since the KIQs are so broad, plus a loose criteria was used for establishing peripheral relationships). Nine articles had no KIQ relationship.

3. Since the publications reviewed have primarily a political orientation, S&T articles are not overabundant (some reasons mentioned in attached October Findings). A startling revelation, however, is that the President's Science Advisor -- supposedly responsible for keeping current on foreign scientific affairs among domestic duties -- does not receive the DIN, NIB, nor the NID. In 1973 President Nixon designated the National Science Foundation Director, H. Guyford Stever, as the President's Science Advisor after abolishing the Office of Science and Technology. His designee responsible for foreign scientific affairs, has expressed an interest in receiving the current intelligence publications, as well as other intelligence publications, related to scientific issues.

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4. In my judgment no November S&T articles were evaluated as having major value to the "national consumer." Over a third, however, I considered worth reporting -- maybe I am too soft on technical items. Some articles potentially could have been more significant if less emphasis on technical detail had been included and more emphasis had been drawn to the significance or implications of the event.

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5. Hardly subjects that would upset the strategic balance, ~~two~~ two good NID items -- NATO solar cell research cooperation ~~two~~ -- were placed in proper perspective for the national level consumer. Another two NID articles worth reporting were the Arctic series concerning scientific research, resource exploitation, boundary disputes, etc. While short shrift was given to technological problems of Arctic resource extraction, the series was interesting but I wonder if it could have been significantly shortened (over 1/2) perhaps to the readers benefit. Another short coming of the Soviet research article in the series was the contention that more research is necessarily better -- return to the Sputnik era.

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6. A final observation would be that insufficient integration and scope is presented in current intelligence for the "national consumer." Articles seem to be written from ~~and~~ a fixed perspective. A case in point, an article was written in the NID and NIB about

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7. Recommendations for future:

- Attached October recommendations ^{all} still valid;
- President's Science Advisor should be included on distribution for the NID, NIB and relevant NIDs;
- multifaceted perspective should be guaranteed in "national level" publications;
- the thesis to combine the NID and NIB should be reopened. The NIB and NID have little for the "national level" consumer;
- Technical Analysts/Editors should be incorporated into the current intelligence production machinery as advocates for technical articles;
- weekly or biweekly reviews might minimize filler and marginal items currently in daily publications and possibly prevent current intelligence from competing with and duplicating the NYT and Washington Post.

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